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AMENDMENT

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of
December 16, 2002 and particularly to the restriction requirement.

Pursuant thereto, applicant elects the invention of Group I inclusive of
claims 1-8 drawn to a method of heating glass. It is requested that claims 9-16

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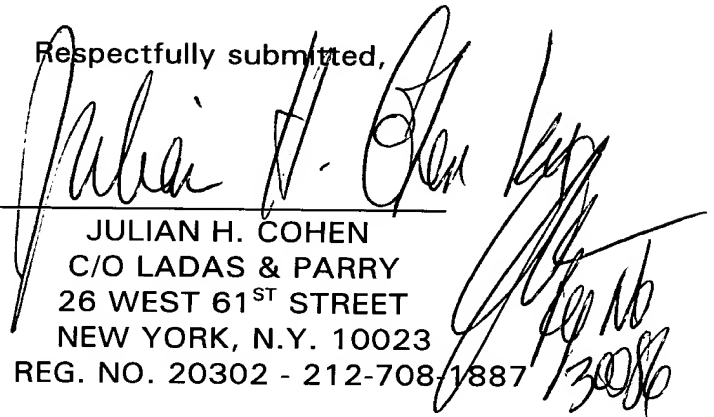
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of Group II drawn to a heating furnace be held in abeyance pending applicant's decision as to the filing of a divisional application.

It is requested that examination on the merits now proceed based on the above election.

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